GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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EXPANSION AND MODERNISATION OF THIRUVANANTHAPURAM DOORDARSHAN CENTRE .
Thomas Shri P.C.

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Doordarshan Centre in the country are planned for expansion and modernization;

(b) the details of the plans in this regard;

(c) the status of the expansion of Doordarshan Centre, Thiruvananthapuram and future plans in this regard;

(d) whether this Centre has adequate staff in the programme and news sections;

(e) whether the staffs of Thiruvananthapuram Doordarshan Centre have made representations regarding various grievances; and

(f) if so, the reaction of the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. Prasar Bharati has informed that additional studios are under construction at Raipur and Ranchi. Studio centers have also been approved for being set up at Dehradun and Gorakhpur. Besides, full digitalization of 17 major Doordarshan Kendras and digitalization to the tune of 50% in respect of 30 smaller studio centers is also envisaged during the 10th Plan.

(c) : Digitalization of one studio at DD Centre, Thiruvananthapuram has been completed. Digitalization of the second studio is likely to be completed by 2006-07. The Kendra has been provided a News clip delivery system. Script News automation and one DSNG unit are also planned to be provided during 2004-06.

(d) : Yes, Sir.

(e) & (f) : Prasar Bharati has informed that the representations have been disposed as per rules/instructions on the subject.